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U.S. Army, xxx-xx-9504
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
U.S. Army Garrison,
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall,
Fort Myer, VA 22211
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The Hearing in the above-titled matter was
continued on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., at
Fort Meade, Maryland, before the Honorable Colonel
Denise Lind, Judge.

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9 DAVID COOMBS

10 CAPTAIN JOSHUA TOOMAN

11 MAJOR THOMAS HURLEY

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1 PROCEEDINGS,

2 THE CLERK: All rise.

3 THE COURT: Please be seated. The court is
4 called to order. Major Fein?

5 MR. FEIN: Yes, ma'am. All parties in the
6 court in the last recess are again present except
7 Captain Overgaard is absent.

8 Also, ma'am, this is an unclassified
9 session and prior to its opening the court security
10 officer completed his open hearing checklist for this
11 trial on paper.

12 THE COURT: Is there anything we need to
13 address before we call the witness?

14 MR. FEIN: No, ma'am.

15 MR. HURLEY: No, ma'am.

16 THE COURT: Please call the witness.

17 MR. MORROW: The United States calls
18 Colonel Julian Chesnutt. Sir, if you could, approach
19 the witness stand and just turn and face me and raise
20 your right hand.

21 Whereupon,

1 COLONEL JULIAN CHESNUTT,
2 called as a witness, having been first duly sworn to tell
3 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth,
4 was examined and testified as follows:

5 MR. MORROW: Please have a seat, sir.

6 EXAMINATION BY MR. MORROW:

7 Q Sir, you are Colonel Julian Chesnutt,
8 United States Air force?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And you are currently the senior defense
11 official and the defense attache to Israel?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Sir, where are you currently physically
14 located? Do you work out of Israel?

15 A Televiv.

16 Q And how long have you been in that
17 position?

18 A Approximately one year.

19 Q And, sir, generally, what are your
20 responsibilities as the senior defense official and the
21 defense attache to Israel?

1 A Primarily duty is the military advisor to
2 the U.S. ambassador.

3 Q And do you supervise personnel in that
4 position?

5 A Approximately 30 personnel.

6 THE COURT: I'm going to ask you, if you
7 would, sir, please speak up just a little bit.

8 Q You say you supervise approximately 30
9 personnel?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And who are the people you supervise?

12 A I have attaches from every service,
13 operations, NCOs from every services and locally
14 engaged staff Israels and several GS civilians.

15 Q Sir, can you describe, generally, the
16 oversight relationship between your service and the
17 United States Air Force, the Department of Defense and
18 the Department of State, how that sort of works
19 together?

20 A Right. I'm still, obviously, an Air Force
21 officer on loan to -- administratively to Defense

1 Intelligence Agency who, in turn, staffs us out to
2 State Department run U.S. embassies.

3 Q And, sir, as the defense attache, are you
4 part of the country team?

5 A Yes, I am.

6 Q Prior to your assignment as a senior
7 defense official and defense attache to Israel, where
8 were you assigned?

9 A To Islamabad, Pakistan.

10 Q And where were you working in Islamabad?

11 A I was working in the U.S. Embassy there as
12 the defense attache.

13 Q And were you the senior defense attache to
14 Pakistan?

15 A Yes, I was.

16 Q And how long were you in that position,
17 sir?

18 A Two years.

19 Q And can you give me sort of an approximate
20 start date and an approximate end date?

21 A Mid November 2010 until October 2012.

1 Q Sir, as the senior defense attache in
2 Pakistan, did you work under the ODRP?

3 A I worked alongside with ODRP, but we had a
4 separate reporting chain.

5 Q Sir, generally, what were your
6 responsibilities in that position, sort of the same as
7 what you're doing now?

8 A Also, as a military advisor to the U.S.
9 ambassador.

10 Q And can you describe -- do you have, like,
11 representational duties and that sort of thing as well?
12 Can you describe that for the Court,
13 please?

14 A Yes, I'm -- I represent the Department of
15 Defense to the host nation military and then each of my
16 service attaches, whether Air Force, Navy, Army,
17 represent their specific service to the host nations,
18 Air Force, Army, Navy as the case may be.

19 Q Sir, are you here today to discuss impacted
20 defense attach operations you observed as a result of
21 disclosure of Department of State information?

1 A Yes, I am.

2 Q All right, sir. Before you sort of dive
3 more deeply into your time in Islamabad, I'd like to
4 briefly discuss your career progression.

5 How long have you served as an officer in
6 the U.S. Air Force?

7 A 24 years.

8 Q And what was your military area of
9 specialty before becoming a defense attache?

10 A Pilot. Specifically A10 and F16 pilot.

11 Q And have you held any command positions in
12 the Air Force?

13 A Yes, several flight commands and
14 squattering command and deputy group command.

15 Q And have you deployed during your career?

16 A Yes, I have.

17 Q To where, sir?

18 A To Iraq, to Korea, twice to turkey, to Cape
19 Verde, Panama, to Romania and -- those are my primary
20 ones.

21 Q And, sir, now do you -- can you describe

1 for the Court how you made the transition from sort of
2 a pilot career track to the defense attache service?

3 A I was serving one year as an instructor at
4 Georgetown University as a national defense fellow and
5 I was working for -- supervised by a former U.S.
6 ambassador who recommended that career path.

7 Q And can you describe the training you
8 received as a defense attache?

9 A Approximately six months of attache
10 training followed by six months of Urdu language
11 training, which is the national language of Pakistan,
12 and approximately six months of flight training to fly
13 the C12 aircraft which is located in Pakistan.

14 Q So you had additional flight duties as well
15 as your sort of duties as a defense attache in
16 Pakistan?

17 A Yes, I did.

18 Q And, sir, approximately how long from sort
19 of start to finish was the defense attache training?

20 A 18 months.

21 Q And, sir, how does the defense attache

1 training prepare you for particular countries
2 assignments?

3 A The attache school itself is general. It
4 trains attaches for every country, U.S. attaches for
5 every country, and then you have a phase approximately
6 one month where you meet with experts in the U.S.
7 Government on your host nation in the country you go
8 to.

9 Then, in addition to that, you normally
10 receive a language training and that can be anywhere
11 from three months to a year.

12 Q And, sir, how are you -- how did you end up
13 working in Pakistan versus some other country?

14 How did that work?

15 A I was -- I volunteered to go. Then my
16 service -- the Air Force nominated me and a joint
17 decision through DIA and the Air Force and the joint
18 staff and vetting by the ambassador to take the
19 position.

20 Q Sir, did you have any experience in that
21 region prior to your position as the defense attache

1 there?

2 A No, my first assignment.

3 Q And what about your experience with
4 bilateral military relationships?

5 A I had conducted several combined exercises
6 primarily with NATO allies throughout my career.

7 Q All right. So let's talk about some of
8 your responsibilities while assigned to Islamabad, the
9 U.S. embassy in Islamabad.

10 What were the primary sort of missions you
11 were promoting while assigned as a defense attache
12 there? What were you trying to do?

13 What was the mission of the attache
14 offices?

15 A We coordinated engagement, exercises and
16 defense cooperation with the host nation military. We
17 also represented our service components to the host
18 nation military and we gave advice to other members of
19 the country team and other members of ODRP about how we
20 best thought we could assist the Pakistanis in
21 conducting counter-urgency operations to assist our

1 efforts in Afghanistan.

2 Q Sir, while serving as the defense attache
3 to Pakistan, do you recall becoming aware of the
4 release of State Department information in the November
5 of 2010 timeframe, so shortly after you got there?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And, generally, how did you first become
8 aware that this was something that was going on?

9 A Through the open press.

10 Q Are you talking about the open press in
11 Pakistan?

12 A In Pakistan and through U.S. outlets in
13 Pakistan.

14 MR. MORROW: Your Honor, as this time, we
15 would move to a closed session, but if Defense wants an
16 opportunity to cross...

17 MR. HURLEY: We don't have any open session
18 cross-examination questions.

19 THE COURT: All right. Well, is there any
20 reason we need to have another open session before the
21 end of the day? I will have my ruling with respect to

1 yesterday's witness. However, I can give it to the
2 parties and just read it on the record following the
3 next morning if that's preferable.

4 MR. MORROW: Tomorrow is fine, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: What time would you like us to
6 start?

7 MR. MORROW: We'll start at 10:00.

8 MR. HURLEY: Can I have a second?

9 THE COURT: Yes, please.

10 MR. HURLEY: 10:00 is fine, ma'am.

11 THE COURT: All right. Members of the
12 gallery, we are going to move into closed session based
13 upon my findings in Appellate Exhibit --

14 MR. FEIN: 550, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Okay, Appellate Exhibit 550.
16 That would be the conclusion of the open proceedings
17 today. We will be starting at 10:00 tomorrow. As I
18 said earlier, I have a ruling ready to go for the
19 witness that testified yesterday. I will give the
20 parties that ruling in advance today and we'll read it
21 on the record tomorrow.

1 Is there anything else we need to address
2 before we recess for the closed session?

3 MR. MORROW: No, ma'am.

4 MR. HURLEY: No, ma'am.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Chesnutt, during the
6 recess, please don't discuss your testimony with
7 anyone. As soon as we recess you're free to step out.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

9 THE COURT: Court is in recess.

10 (The Trial was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.)

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